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## KDHE Unveils New Food Safety/Restaurant Inspection Web site

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) unveiled a new food safety Web site today to help educate Kansans about safe food handling, restaurant inspections, and how to report food safety concerns.

"We believe this Web site will be a valuable resource for all Kansans," said Dr. Howard Rodenberg, KDHE Director of Health. "Whether you need information about how long to refrigerate leftovers or you are concerned about the cleanliness of a restaurant, <a href="https://www.KSFoodSafety.org">www.KSFoodSafety.org</a> offers understandable, up-to-date food safety information for both industry and the public."

The Web site was created by KDHE staff in an effort to provide the public with frequently requested information. It uses existing technology at no additional taxpayer cost.

Food safety information is continuously updated each week. However, users may notice a slight delay between the time of the restaurant inspection and the time at which results are posted on the Web site to allow for processing the information. KDHE inspects more than 10,300 food service establishments each year, including restaurants, school kitchens, caterers, special events and mobile food units.

"We receive dozens of calls each month from people wanting information about restaurants, how to properly cook and store certain foods, and how to file restaurant complaints," said Mary Glassburner, KDHE Director of the Bureau of Consumer Health. "This Web site allows KDHE to better serve the public by providing easy access to these public records."

The Web site, <u>www.KSFoodSafety.org</u> features the following information:

- Safe food handling practices
- Foodborne illness facts

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- Business licensing and application information
- Kansas Food Code information
- Restaurant Inspection Results
- How to report food safety concerns
- Frequently asked questions

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